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Mail Stop Patent Application
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 P.O. Box 1450
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Re: New Patent Application in U.S.

Applicant(s): Danh TRAN

Title: HEAVY-METAL OXYFLUORIDE GLASSES FOR HIGH ENERGY LASER
APPLICATIONS

Atty's Docket: TRAN=8.1A

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Attached herewith is the above-identified application for Letters Patent including:

- [X] Application Data Sheet
- [X] Specification (22 pages), claims (7 pages) and abstract (1 page)
- [X] 3 Sheets Drawings (Figures 1 -3)
- [X] **FORMAL** [] Informal
- [X] Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 page(s))
- [X] Newly executed [] Copy from prior application no. _____
- [] Preliminary Amendment
- [X] Information Disclosure Statement with SB/08A and 0 references
- [X] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.
- [X] Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, authorizing payment in the amount of \$439.00 to cover:
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The benefit under 35 USC §119 is claimed of the filing date of: Application No. _____ in _____ on _____. A certified copy of said priority document is attached was filed in progenitor case _____ on _____.

The present application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Appln. No. 60/459,358, filed April 2, 2003.

The present application is a Continuation Division Continuation-in-Part of prior Application No. _____, filed _____.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
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The application is (or will be) assigned to: INFRARED FIBER SYSTEMS, INC.
whose address is: 2301-A Broadbirch Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904

Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

A signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application is attached.

Certain documents were previously cited or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the following prior application _____, which is relied upon under 35 USC §120. Applicants identify these documents by attaching hereto a form PTO-1449 listing these documents, and request that they be

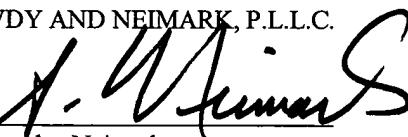
considered and made of record in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d). Per Section 1.98(d), copies of these documents need not be filed in this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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